

This was the place where a famous artist once dwelled
He made sculptures of people and in this he excelled
He grew up in New York City but from Ireland he came
Augustus Saint-Gaudens, you'll see was his name

Look for a very large tree in front of a home
it is in that direction that first you should roam
The tree is a honey locust, New Hampshire's largest they say
Once the house was an Inn where travelers could stay

If you look out from the porch, a tall mountain you'll see
It is all by itself and named Mount AS-CUT-NEY
To hike, and to ski, on its slopes you can go,
But it was once a volcano a very long time ago

Head for the building that has a red wall
There are white columns in front, what does that make you recall?
Saint-Gaudens loved the culture of old Greece and Rome
And he used some of their art to beautify his home

Find the man on a stone carved with fish and a wave
He was an American admiral and was especially brave
He joined the navy as a boy and the true story is told
How he commanded a ship when just 12 years old!

Go back to the field - and to the row of trees all of birch
At the first opening in the hedge there continue your search
See a group of soldiers that are marching away
If the men were alive, what do you think they would say?

Led by a man on a horse, as an angel looks down,
On these soldiers of color, who are now quite renowned
In the Civil War their bravery set them apart,
Now their story is told in movies, books, and in art

Follow the birches and the next room you should enter
A mysterious figure sits in the center
It's not meant as a portrait, nor for it's meaning to be clear
It was to make people think about life as they were seated near

Continue down the path, well past the last hemlock hedge
Between the field to the left and forested edge
The sculptor once had a golf course in these fields here below
In the winter a long toboggan slide was made through the snow

Keep on walking until a white structure you'll find
When you first saw it, what came to mind?
It is made of marble mined in an old Vermont quarry
And was designed by friends of the artist to help tell a story

A century ago, an outdoor play was staged here
Actors as Greek gods and goddesses did appear
They spoke in rhyme and did dance and sing
at the end chose Saint-Gaudens to be their new king

Turn away from the Temple and look straight across
Search for the stump of the pine among the grass and moss
The hidden box is there, so write a note that you came
Augustus used this self-caricature when he signed his name.

Come back again to the park now that you're not a stranger

You can even earn a badge as a junior park ranger

There is art you can see, forest trails to explore

Enjoy the gardens and grounds and so much more